

AMENDED CLAIMS 11, 13,17, 18

Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

1 11. The parallel plate diode according to claim 1 **[or 2]**, wherein said metal
2 electrode is made by kovar-alloy.

1 13. The parallel plate diode according to claim 1 **[or 2]**, wherein there are
2 recesses on the surface where the two metal electrodes that make up the parallel
3 plate diode contact the semiconductor material, wherein average diameter of the
4 recesses on one side is equal to or smaller than 0.7 micrometer while the average
5 diameter of the recesses on the other side is bigger than 0.7 micrometer.

1 17. The parallel plate diode according to claim 1 **[or 13]**, wherein said
2 semiconductor material is liquid semiconductor material.

1 18. The parallel plate diode according to claim 1 **[or 13]**, wherein said
2 semiconductor material is high resistance metal alloy.

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REMARKS:

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

To expedite prosecution, the Applicants have amended the claims to be more consistent with U.S. patent practice. Specifically, the Applicants have removed the multiple dependencies from claims 11, 13, 17, and 18. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been entered with these amendments. Furthermore, the Applicants submit that the minor changes introduced with this amendment do not narrow any of the claims within the meaning of the decision in *Festo Corporation v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd* (234 F.3d 558).


REQUEST FOR REFUND OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE

The Applicants submit that since there are no longer any multiple dependent claims in the application, the multiple dependent claim charge no longer applies. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request a refund of the multiple dependent claim fee of \$140 submitted at the time of filing of the application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the application and point out the allowable subject matter in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,


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